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<i>Interview Summary</i>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Date of Interview: 11 August 2009.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 3.

Identification of prior art discussed: Harper 5,496,156, Lee 5,288,212.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiner and Applicant's representatives discussed the claim language of claims 1 and 3 and how the prior art is presently applied. Applicant's representatives tentatively agreed to amend claim 1 to more narrowly describe the intake port and how it's related to the gas catcher, so as to distinguish over the prior art.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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